large watch-coats, which I had saved out of the seamen's chests. These I took, one to He upon, and the other to cover me in the night.

It was in the sixth year of my reign, or my captivity, which you please, that I set out on this voyage, and I found it much longer than I expected; for though the island was not very large, yet when I came to the east side of it, I found a great ledge of rocks lie out about two leagues into the sea, some above water, some below it; and beyond that a shoal of sand lying dry half a league more; so that I was obliged to go a great way out to sea to double the point.

I waited two days for a calm sea,before *1* ventured round this point, but no sooner had I done so than I found myself in a swift current of water that hurried my boat with great violence farther and farther from the land. It Is scarce possible to imagine the distress I was in, being driven from my beloved island (for so it appeared to me now

to be), with no prospect before me but *of*
perishing; not by the sea, for that was calm
enough, but of starving for hunger. But/
presently to my great joy I found the current/